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SUBJ: FRENCH ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRAM

SUMMARY. IN PREPARING ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRAM
ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER, FRENCH PRIME MINISTER
REQUESTED THAT MINISTRIES PROVIDE LISTS OF SUPPLE-
MENTAL PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN FINACIAL REQUEST
TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. ONE OF CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON
MINISTRIES WAS THAT SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSALS "NOT ENTAIL
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ORDERS FOR IMPORTED MATERIAL." END SUMMARY.

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SINGER INFORMATIQUE (COMPUTERS), LUCIEN BARDANE, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF IMPORTERS OF COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, CALLED ON EMBASSY TO DISCUSS CONTENT AND IMPORT OF JULY 31, 1975 LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC TO ALL MINISTRIES AND SECRETARIES OF STATE. IN HIS LETTER CHIRAC STATED THAT IN PREPARING PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION, MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS WERE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EQUIPMENT TO THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCES NO LATER THAN AUGUST 6. PROPOSALS HAD TO COMPLY, INTER ALIA, WITH FOLLOWING CRITERIA: HAVE AN IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL EFFECT, NOT ENTAIL ORDERS FOR IMPORTED MATERIAL ("NE PAS ENTRAÎNER DE COMMANDES DE MATÉRIEL IMPORTÉ"), AND HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT.

2. BARDANE STATED THAT HIS UNION LEARNED OF LETTER ONLY SHORT TIME AGO AND HAS CONTACTED THE PRESIDENT OF HIS FEDERATION OF IMPORTERS WHO WILL IN TURN APPROACH APPROPRIATE EEC AUTHORITIES. BARDANE NOTED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THERE HAS BEEN A CIRCULAR LETTER OF THIS TYPE WHICH APPLIES ALSO TO PRODUCTS OF EEC ORIGIN AND PRODUCTS WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN FRANCE. (PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF GOF WAS TO EXCLUDE FROM THIS TYPE OF PROHIBITION PRODUCTS WHICH COULD ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.) BARDANE CHARACTERIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AS DRACONIAN AND BELIEVES IT WILL SET A PRECEDENT WHICH WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR HIS COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE. (SINGER IMPORTS APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION OF COMPUTER AND COMPUTER-RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM U.S., OF WHICH 30 IS DESTINED FOR GOF ENTITIES.) HOWEVER, BARDANE TEMPERED THIS ASSESSMENT BY STATING THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL GOF WOULD/COULD FULLY APPLY THE IMPORT PROSCRIPTION. BARDANE SOLICITED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING GOF ACQUIESCENCE TO RESCIND IMPORT PROHIBITION CRITERION.

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3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF CHIRAC LETTER TO ADDRESSEES.

4. COMMENT. IN PREPARING STIMULATORY MEASURES, GOF OBVIOUSLY SOUGHT TO FOCUS IMPACT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ON DOMESTIC FRONT AND REDUCE IMPORT LEAKAGE. FROM THIS VIEWPOINT CHIRAC DIRECTIVE IS UNDERSTANDABLE. HOWEVER, WHILE ONE-SHOT IMPORT PROHIBITION

MAY BE RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED BY FRANCE'S TRADING
PARTNERS, WE WOULD NOT WANT THE FRENCH TO MAKE THIS
A HABIT. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO MAKE
LOW-KEY APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS TO SEEK
CLARIFICATION AND TO REGISTER USG CONCERN.
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